

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks/arguments. Applicants had previously assigned their rights in the invention to Baldwin Graphic Systems, Inc. and the Examiner is directed to the assignment at Reel No. 7589, Frame 0053 recorded on July 20, 1995.

Claim Status

Claims 1-45 and 47-48 were previously cancelled while claims 46, 49-56 are currently pending in the application. Claims 46, 49-52 were previously allowed while claims 53-56 were rejected by the Examiner in the Examiner's Office Action of May 19, 2004. No new claims have been added by this response.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants herein submit an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with the English abstracts of foreign references previously submitted on September 2, 2003. Applicants also wish to make the following clarifications:

The reference previously listed in the IDS filed on September 2, 2003 as JP 1127762 corresponds to Japanese Utility Model Application No. 20, 525 of 1988 (listed as JP 63020525);

The reference previously listed in the IDS filed on September 2, 2003 as JP 4126855 corresponds to Japanese Utility Model Application No. 43,270 of 1991 (listed as JP 3043270); and

The reference previously listed in the IDS filed on September 2, 2003 as JP 4113960 corresponds to Japanese Utility Model Application No. H3-17623 of 1991 (listed as JP 3017623).

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 53-56

Claims 53-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strandberg and a number of other references. Applicant, with respect to each basis for rejection, respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of these claims in light of the remarks below.

Claim 53

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claim 53 because a *prima facie* case of obviousness still does not exist with respect to claim 53, as amended. For a *prima facie* case to be made, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. See, MPEP § 2143.03. Strandberg and the other references cited by the Examiner fail in this regard with respect to claim 53. Nothing in Strandberg, Zimmer, Beekhuis, Wenger, Cocker or Millington, either alone or in combination, teach, suggest or disclose at least the calendaring means as disclosed in claim 53. This precludes the establishment of a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Support for Applicants' amendment of claim 53 may be found, generally, on page 29 of Applicants' specification.

Applicants thereby believe that claim 53 is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claim 53 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 54-56

Claims 54-56 depend from claim 53 and thereby incorporate the same limitations as claim 53. Applicants, as discussed above, believe that claim 53 is nonobvious with respect to Strandberg and the other references cited by the Examiner. As such, Applicants believe that the arguments made for claim 53 above apply to claims 54-56 as well. Applicants also believe that claims 54-56 are nonobvious with respect to the references cited by the Examiner because it is axiomatic that if an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. See, MPEP § 2143.03. Further, claims 54-56 provide separate bases for patentability over and beyond those presented by claim 53.

Applicants thereby believe that claims 54-56 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections of claims 54-56 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

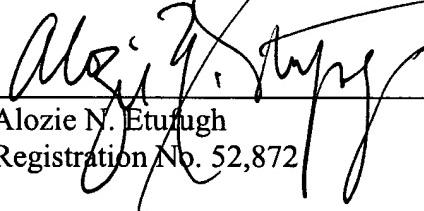
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly request such allowance. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US1.

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